AIS 2005 Coding

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Head – Neck – Face

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- How do you find your injuries?
- History and physicals and discharge summary
- Consults
- Operative reports
- Radiology reports
- Autopsy reports
- Coders

NTDS Data Dictionary 2011

INJURY DIAGNOSES

Data Format [combo] multiple-choice National Element

Definition

Diagnoses related to all identified injuries.

Field Values

Injury diagnoses as defined by (ICD-9-CM) codes (code range: 800-959.9).

The maximum number of diagnoses that may be reported for an individual patient is 50.

Additional Information

ICD-9-CM codes pertaining to other medical conditions (e.g., CVA, MI, co-morbidities, etc.) may also be included in this field.

Used to auto-generate additional calculated fields: Abbreviated Injury Scale (six body regions) and Injury Severity Score.

Data Source Hierarchy

- 1. Hospital Discharge Summary
- 2. Billing Sheet / Medical Records Coding Summary Sheet
- 3. Trauma Flow Sheet
- 4. ER and ICU Records

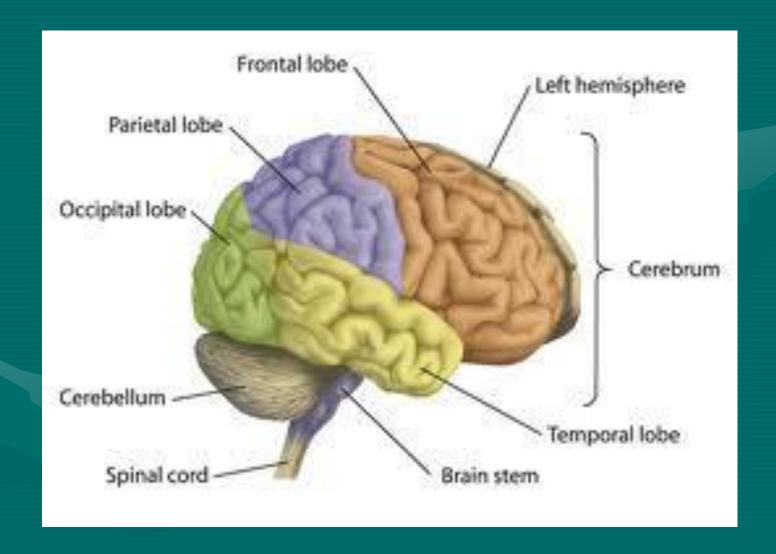
Blood Loss

- Indicator of injury severity
- 20% blood loss by volume is used
- General rule 1000cc blood loss = 20% in average adult

| Wt. Lbs. | Wt. KGs | 20% blood loss/cc |
|----------|---------|-------------------|
| 220 | 100 | 1500 |
| 165 | 75 | 11225 |
| 110 | 50 | 750 |
| 55 | 25 | 375 |
| 22 | 10 | 150 |
| 11 | 5 | 75 |

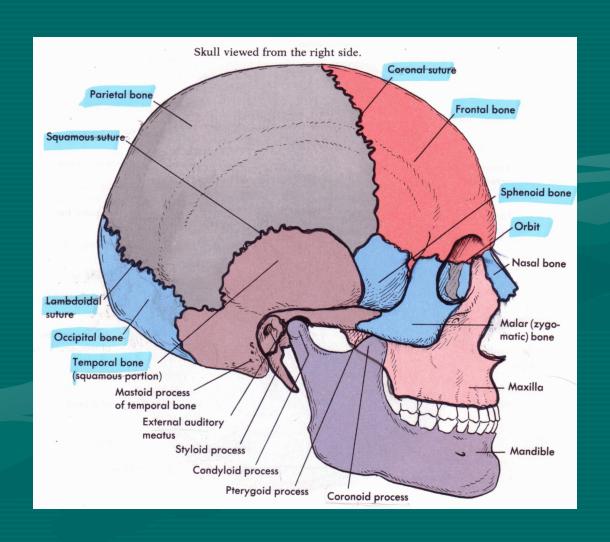
- Brain- Changes to the injury descriptors include finer discrimination of size of contusions, hematomas, lacerations and penetrating injuries.
- Concussive section has been replaced with contemporary neurotrauma diagnostic terminology.
- Detailed discussion of diffuse axonal injury for accurate coding.
- Description of the differences between swelling and edema.

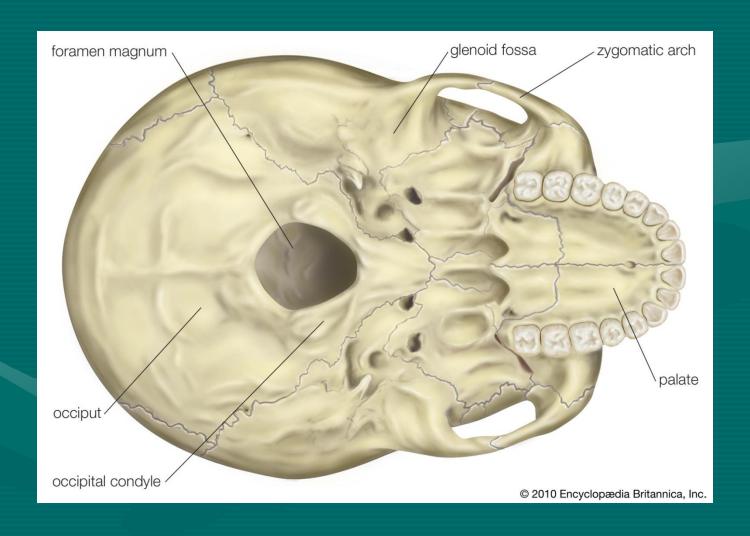
- Diffuse Axonal Injury (DAI): Must have both clinical observations and imaging validation to code. See page 50 for more information.
- Internal Organs: injuries to internal organs must be verified by CT, MRI, surgery, x-ray, angiography or autopsy.
- Cerebellum: use only if cerebellum, infratentorial or posterior fossa are named. Otherwise, code under cerebrum.



Head

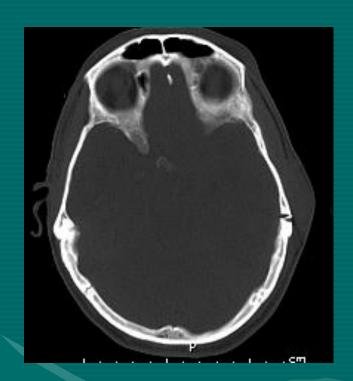
- Skeletal: Skull fractures are divided into base and vault.
- Skull base or basilar fractures include:
 - Orbital roof, ethmoid, sphenoid, basilar process of occipital bone.
- Skull vault includes the following bones:
 - Frontal, occipital, parietal and temporal.





- 62y MVC positive LOC Head CT demonstrated diffuse punctate small tiny contusions. All these hemorrhages are very tiny and consistent with a shear diffuse axonal injury.
- 20y MVC: Increase attenuation in the right lentiform nucleus as well as the posterior aspect of the corpus callosum. Additional questionable focus in the left occipital lobe. Findings are concerning for shear injury. This type of injury can be associated with diffuse axonal injury.

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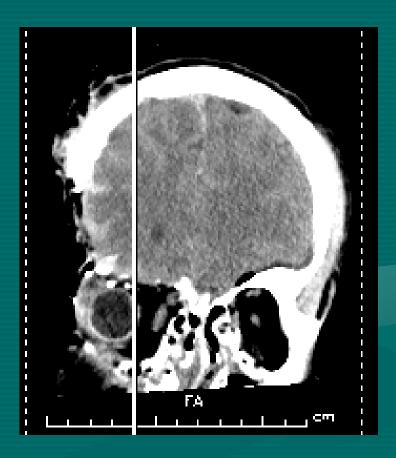


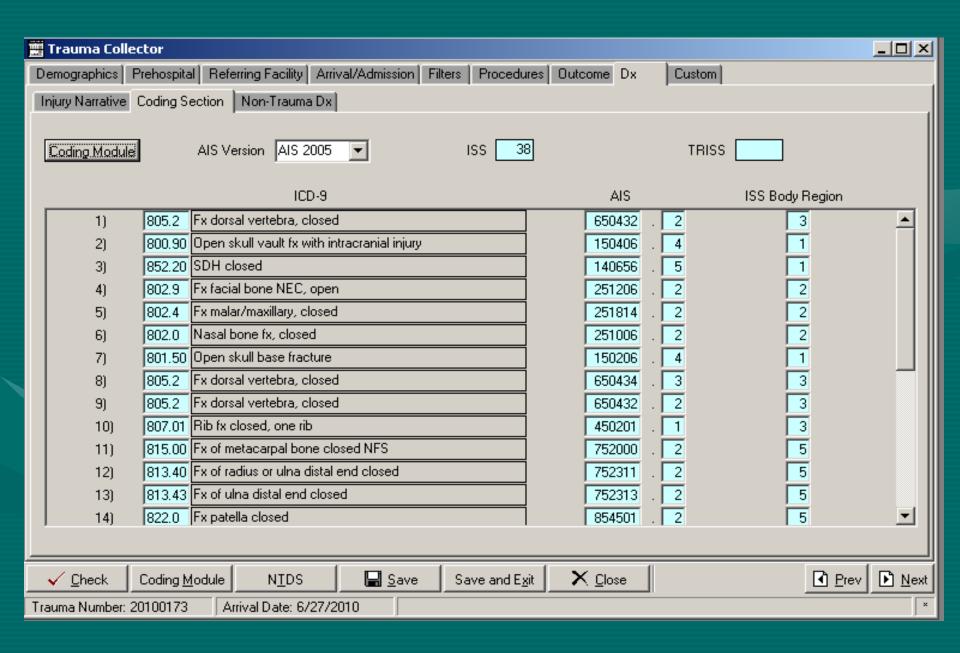


Skull fracture and epidural hematoma

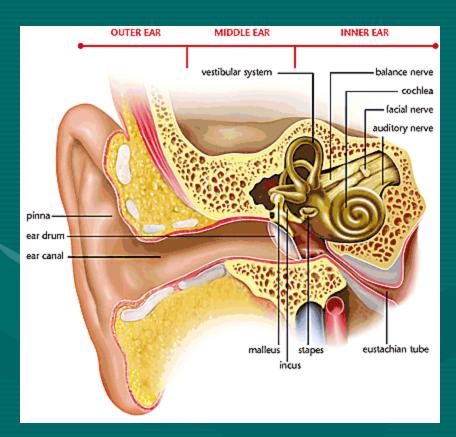
32 y MCC, no helmet. Traumatically absent segment of scalp, traumatic craniectomy with exposed brain and frontal sinus. Lateral and superior orbital rim missing. Complex nasoethmoid fracture, complex maxillary zygomatic fracture.

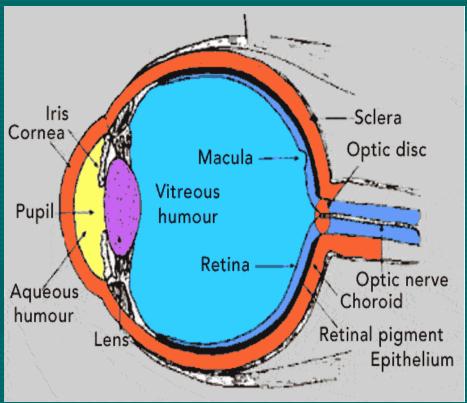


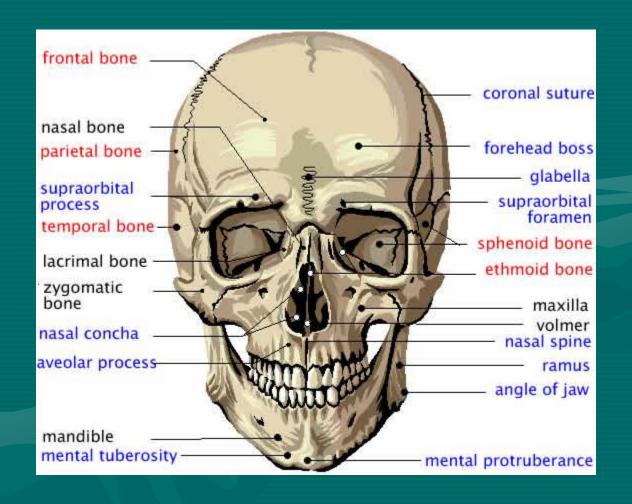


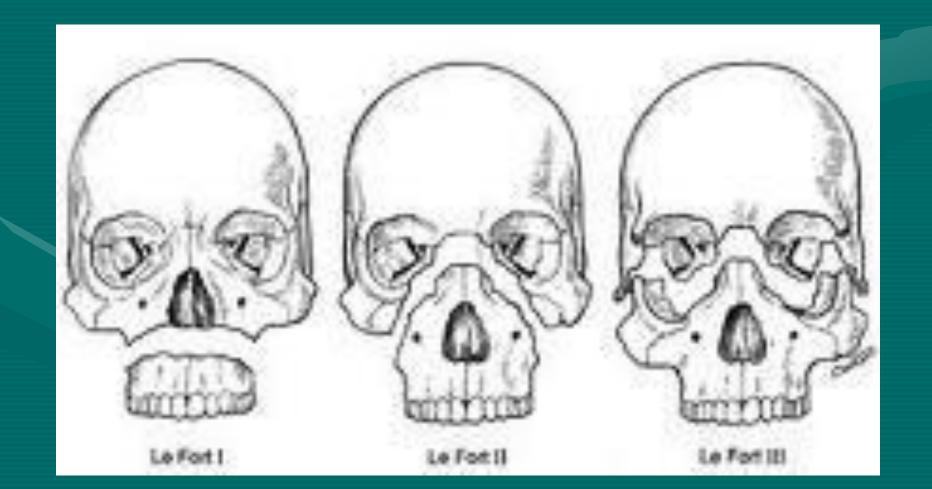


- Injury descriptions for the eye, its bony orbit, and certain facial fractures have been significantly expanded.
- This section includes eye and ear injuries.
- Vessels and nerves are limited to the external carotid branches and the optic nerve.
- Skin, subcutaneous, muscle injures to the face are included also.

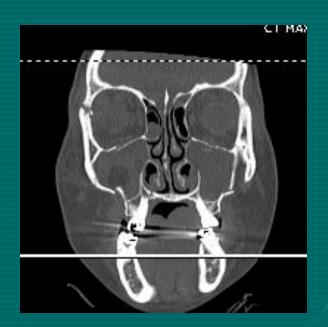


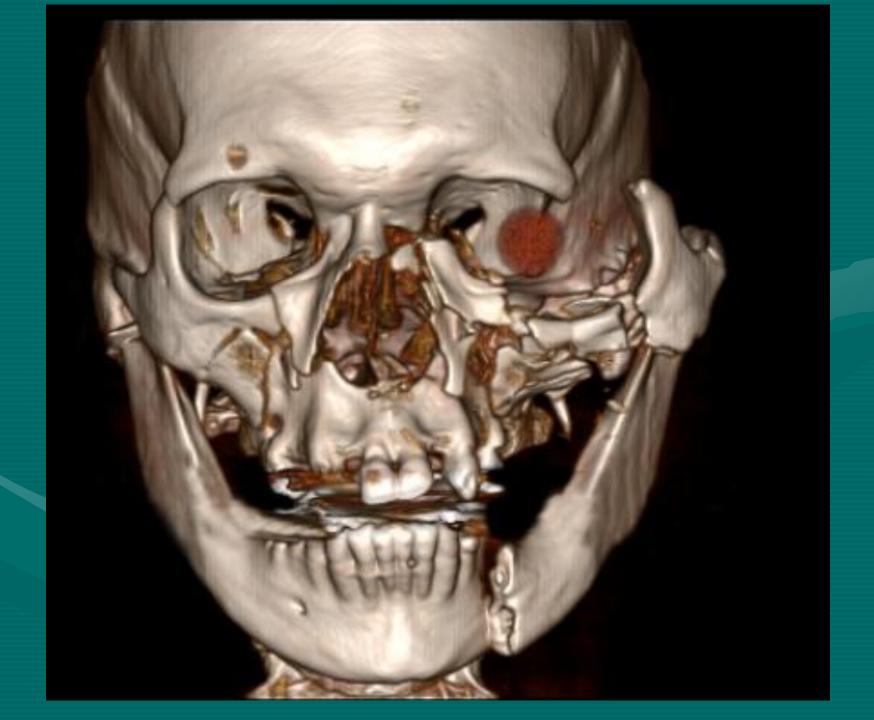






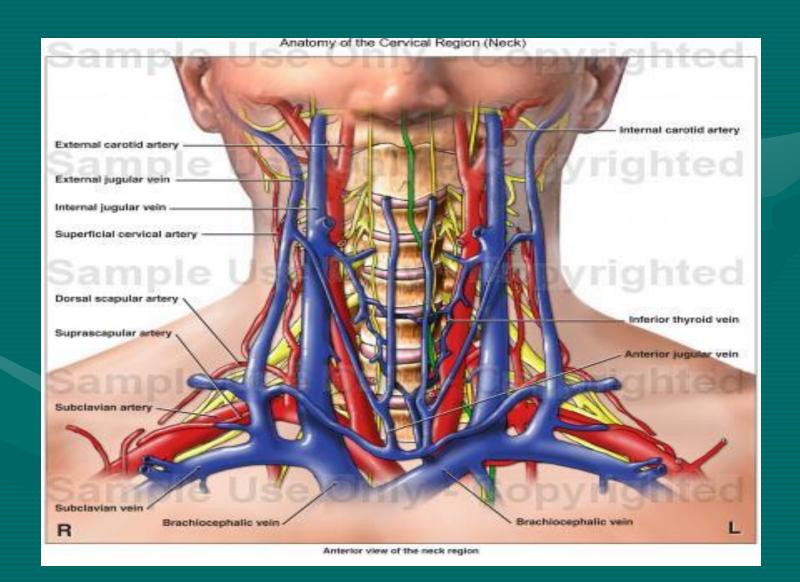


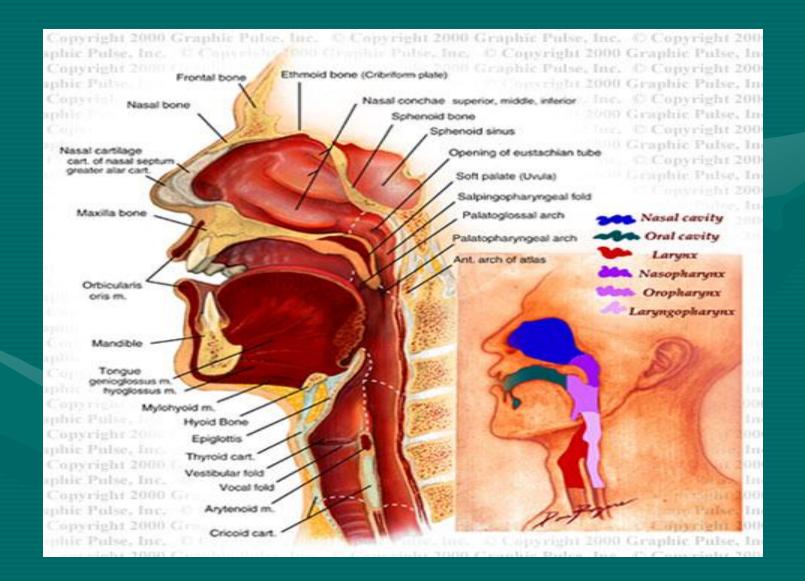




- Most of the facial trauma seen is to the bones or skin. With severe orbital fractures make sure that you are looking for eye injuries. A clue to these is if there was an ophthalmologist consult.
- Mandible and maxillary fractures can also include injuries inside the mouth. The best place to find documentation of these injuries is from the oral/plastic surgeon op note.

- Decapitation
- Penetrating
- Vessels
- Internal organs
 - Esophagus
 - Larynx
 - Pharynx
 - Trachea
 - Thyroid and Salivary glands
 - Vocal cords

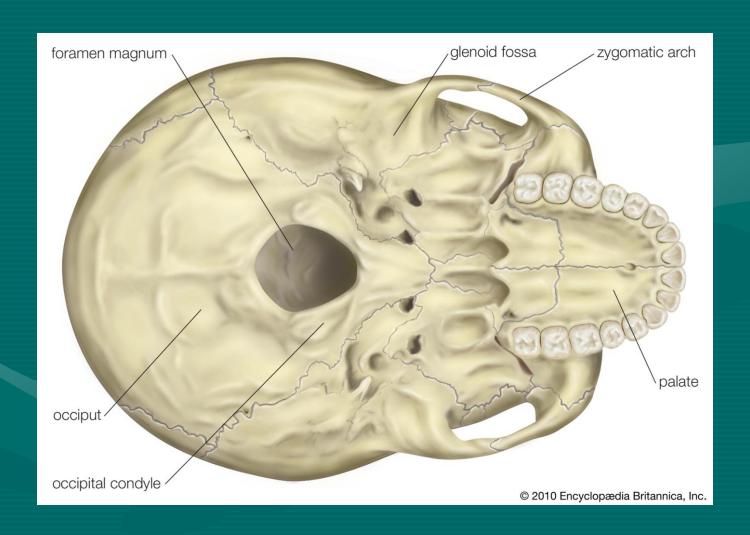




- Stabbing, GSW, and hangings can all cause neck injuries.
- Remember neck does not equal spine. No bones here.
- Look for CT angiograms for vessel injuries.

Question

• Is an occipital condyle fracture a skull or spine fracture?



Answer

- It can be both.
- Type I occur as an impacted fracture
- Type II occur as part of a basilar skull fracture and are usually stable.
- Type III tear drop fractures with ligament involvement are considered unstable.

